

Summative Reflection: Comment on each of the technologies we implemented, making sure to touch upon ease of use, quality of information gathered, and potential for further use:

PLE: I used Symbaloo for my PLE. In the very beginning I was very lost, and I confirmed the email they sent me at least three times, but I still could not get it to work or get it shared. After a few days, I loved Symbaloo! Everything I ever needed was all there and one click away. It was very easy to use and I was able to make a second one where we just put our picture. I would defiantly use Symbaloo for another project , and maybe for just everyday use as well.

RSS feed: I could not find an RSS feed for the longest time, and then when I did find a couple that really would not be useful, I had no idea what to do with them. Mrs. Host finally helped us and gave us one to Disney Princess on Google News; I was very happy to have an RSS feed, but it did not really give us anything.

Scoop It: Emily adored Scoop It and found tons of things. I typed in the same keywords as she did, and I got nothing. The things that came up were posts or pictures of Disney on people's personal tumblrs and twitters and nothing really of use. I really like the idea of Scoop It, but it just did not work for me on this topic.

Videos/Interviews/Documentaries: The only interview that we could find was on NPR and about the influence of princesses currently, which was not fully what our topic was on. The interview was really interesting, but it did not really help us that much except a little bit for the end.

Audios: We found another NPR audio interview, but again, it did not help us very much because it was not on the past Disney princesses, but their current affects.

Wikispace: I thought the Wikispace was decent; it did what it needed to. I have some problems with it when I would put stuff up, it would not actually publish it or sometimes even save it there. Besides being a place to put our final drafts, I do not really know what other purpose it served, either.

Wordpress: I liked Wordpress a lot and I did not have a problem with it until my last two blog entries. They got posted as "asides". They were not supposed to be and I hope they can still be seen and read. Other than that, Wordpress was pretty easy to use.

Prezi: We did not use Prezi.

Voice Thread: I enjoyed the Voice Thread, but it took a lot of getting used to. There were things that I did not understand how to do, and it make our citation comments pop up and hold up the video, but we could not figure out how to fix it. It was pretty cool though, in the end.

To what extent did this type of learning (completely student-centered with teacher as facilitator rather than focus; self-guided; choice-based) result in a meaningful learning experience for you? Please explain.

I think that it resulted in a pretty meaningful learning experience. We had to figure lots of new websites and technology out, pace ourselves, and decide what we were going to do. I think it definitely made it more difficult, but I feel as though I learned more, and that I learned more things that will be useful in future years.

Remember that we fully understand the limitations and stress that came as a result of trying to do this project in so little time at the end of the year. We appreciate your willingness and your enthusiasm, and we even appreciate your candor in evaluating the process. That being said, what suggestions can you make that will help us refine this assignment for future students. What did you like best? What did you not like? {We know more time, and not at the end of the year; you don't need to tell us that!}

I really liked that it was on anything in the world that we could choose and that we could also choose what medium we used. It was also pretty cool that it was student centered, and I think it taught us a lot of skills that we are going to need for college, so keeping it with little direction is probably good. I know a couple things that confused me were in the beginning which website was which and what it did. Maybe a chart for next year with each site on it and what it does could possibly help some of the technologically inept.